

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Where claims have been amended and/or canceled, such amendments and/or cancellations are done without prejudice and/or waiver and/or disclaimer to the claimed and/or disclosed subject matter, and Applicant reserves the right to claim this subject matter and/or other disclosed subject matter in a continuing application or otherwise.

1. (currently amended) A trekking staff, comprising:
a solid shaft portion ~~comprising~~^{having} a first end and a second end; and
a hollow elongated chamber portion ~~comprising~~^{having} a first end and a second end, the second end of the hollow chamber being detachably coupled to the first end of the solid shaft portion.
2. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion ~~comprises~~^{includes} a direction finding device.
3. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 2, wherein the direction finding device ~~comprises~~^{is} a mechanical magnetic compass.
4. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 2, wherein the direction finding device ~~comprises~~^{is} an electronic magnetic compass.
5. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 2, wherein the direction finding device ~~comprises~~^{is} a global positioning system receiver.
6. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 1, further comprising a grip portion.
7. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 6, wherein the grip portion conforms to a shape of the trekking staff.

8. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 6, wherein the grip portion ~~comprises~~includes a strand of cord-like material.

9. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 8, wherein the grip portion ~~comprises~~is a spool shape~~spool-shaped~~, and wherein the strand of cord-like material is wrapped around the spool-shaped grip portion.

10. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 8, wherein the strand of cord-like material ~~comprises~~includes a loop.

11. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 10, wherein the loop is adjustable in size.

12. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 1, further comprising a light emitting device.

13. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is selectably controllable to emit one of a constant light and a flashing light.

14. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 13, wherein the light emitting device is selectably controllable to emit a flashing light ~~comprising~~containing a message in Morse code.

15. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device emits a plurality of light colors.

16. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is controllable to emit light of a selected color.

17. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 1, further comprising a tip portion ~~comprising~~having a first end and a second end, the first end of the tip portion being detachably coupled to the second end of the solid shaft portion, and the second end of the tip portion being tapered.

18. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 17, wherein a cross-sectional shape of the second end of the tip portion is round.

19. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 17, wherein a cross-sectional shape of the second end of the tip portion is square.

20. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 1, further comprising a tip portion ~~comprising~~having a first end and a second end, the first end of the tip portion being detachably coupled to the second end of the solid shaft portion, and the second end of the tip portion including an aperture ~~comprising~~having a size that allows a cord-like material to pass through the aperture.

21. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion contains a water purification system.

22. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion contains a water collection system.

23. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion contains a first aid kit.

24. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 23, wherein the first aid kit ~~comprises~~includes a single-use medication dispenser comprising:
a reservoir containing a single-use portion of a liquid-type bandage material; and
a tearable opening through which the liquid-type bandage material is dispensed.

25. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 23, wherein the first aid kit comprises~~includes~~ a single-use medication dispenser comprising:

a reservoir containing a single-use portion of antiseptic; and
a tearable opening through which the antiseptic is dispensed.

26. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the trekking staff comprises~~includes~~ a single-use medication dispenser comprising:

a reservoir containing a single-use portion of a liquid-type bandage material; and
a tearable opening through which the liquid-type bandage material is dispensed.

27. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the trekking staff comprises~~includes~~ a single-use medication dispenser comprising:

a reservoir containing a single-use portion of antiseptic; and
a tearable opening through which the antiseptic is dispensed.

28. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion contains survival equipment.

29. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion contains a communication device.

30. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 29, wherein the communication device comprises~~includes~~ a communication receiver.

31. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 29, wherein the communication device comprises~~includes~~ a transmitter.

32. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 31, wherein the transmitter transmits a voice communication.

33. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 31, wherein the transmitter transmits a homing signal.

34. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 31, wherein the transmitter transmits positional information of the trekking staff.

35. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 29, wherein the communication device comprises a bidirectional communication device.

36. (original) The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion contains an MP3 player.

37. (currently amended) A trekking staff, comprising:
a shaft portion comprising having a first end and a second end; and
a hollow elongated chamber portion comprises having a first end and a second end, the second end of the hollow chamber being detachably coupled to the first end of the solid shaft portion, the hollow elongated chamber portion containing an audio reproduction device.

38. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 37~~38~~, wherein the audio reproduction device comprises an MP3 player.

39. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 37~~38~~, wherein the audio reproduction device comprises a tape player.

40. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 37~~38~~, wherein the shaft portion comprises a solid shaft.

41. (currently amended) The trekking staff according to claim 37~~38~~, wherein the shaft portion comprises a tubular shaft.

42. (withdrawn) A single-use medication dispenser comprising:

a reservoir containing a single-use portion of a liquid-type bandage material; and
a tearable opening through which the liquid-type bandage material is dispensed.

43. (withdrawn) A single-use medication dispenser comprising:
a reservoir containing a single-use portion of antiseptic; and
a tearable opening through which the antiseptic is dispensed.